GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF DEGRADED AREAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposal from the State Government of Karnataka regarding protection of existing mangrove plantations, afforestation of degraded areas with mangrove prop gules, research activities, awareness programme, monitoring etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith fund sought therefor;

(c) whether the proposal is still pending with Union Government;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Environment & Forests sanctioned financial assistance during 2006-07 for conservation & management of mangroves in four identified sites in Karnataka namely Mangalore Forest Division (Rs. 92.75/- lakhs), Kundapur (Rs. 53/- lakhs), Honnavar (Rs. 20.54/- lakhs) and Karwar (Rs. 19/- lakhs). The unspent balance, available with the State Government of Karnataka as on 31.3.2007, has been duly revalidated for utilization during current financial year in case of Honnavar & Kundapur. No fresh proposals for 2007-08 have so far been received from the State Government for the identified sites. The Ministry had also sanctioned Rs. 90.04/- lakhs to the State Government of Karnataka for preparing Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan.